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As one of the principal protestants of the tariff rates charged by the owners of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System ("TAPS") for transportation of oil through that pipeline, the State of Alaska ("Alaska") was a party to the proceedings below before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). And, as a signatory to the June 28, 1985 agreement settling Alaska's protest of TAPS tariff rates ("Settlement Agreement"), Alaska was an intervenor-respondent in the court below.

Section I-3 of the Settlement Agreement provides as follows:

State and TAPS Carriers shall cooperate, each at its own expense, in securing all necessary governmental approvals for this Agreement and in defending against any litigation affecting the validity and enforceability of this Agreement, or any provision thereof.

Alaska believes that the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the FERC, and the TAPS owners have already provided this Court with sufficient information concerning this case. Alaska respectfully requests that the petition for writ of certiorari filed by Arctic Slope Regional Corporation be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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